

Illinois County-By-County Breakdown Shows the Harm of Not Extending Unemployment Insurance

82,000 in Illinois set to lose coverage statewide

If Congress fails to extend the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation program almost 82,000 people in Illinois will lose their insurance coverage immediately on Dec. 28. An additional 89,000 people in Illinois will lose their coverage in the first six months of 2014 if Republicans continue to block an extension of the program.

Federal unemployment insurance took effect in 2008 and has been reauthorized several times since as Americans continue to recover from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Despite the real progress the economy has made since its near collapse in 2008, there are still 1.3 million fewer jobs than there were before the recession began, long-term unemployment as a percentage of the unemployed is 37 percent, near historic highs.

Failure to extend federal unemployment insurance would also hurt job growth throughout the nation, costing the economy 240,000 jobs, according to the White House Council of Economic Advisers. The CEA estimates that in Illinois alone, failing to extend the program will cost 13,345 jobs.

County	# OF PEOPLE LOSING COVERAGE DEC. 28
Adams	258
Alexander	33
Bond	92
Boone	328
Brown	13
Bureau	205
Calhoun	27
Carroll	50
Cass	76
Champaign	789
Christian	233
Clark	62
Clay	62
Clinton	158
Coles	218
Cook	38,260
Crawford	92
Cumberland	55
DeKalb	538
DeWitt	89

Douglas	59
Du Page	4,965
Edgar	92
Edwards	13
Effingham	165
Fayette	146
Ford	52
Franklin	349
Fulton	243
Gallatin	39
Greene	68
Grundy	320
Hamilton	43
Hancock	52
Hardin	34
Henderson	10
Henry	226
Iroquois	146
Jackson	233
Jasper	39
Jefferson	227
Jersey	130
Jo Daviess	52
Johnson	66
Kane	3,086
Kankakee	838
Kendall	717
Knox	281
La Salle	933
Lake	3,546
Lawrence	54
Lee	206
Livingston	147
Logan	134
Macon	1,161
Macoupin	291
Madison	1,618
Marion	231
Marshall	71
Mason	95
Massac	48

McDonough	87
McHenry	1,642
McLean	572
Menard	55
Mercer	40
Monroe	88
Montgomery	191
Morgan	187
Moultrie	58
Ogle	326
Peoria	1,546
Perry	131
Piatt	78
Pike	59
Pope	10
Pulaski	34
Putnam	44
Randolph	152
Richland	73
Rock Island	515
Saint Clair	1,667
Saline	220
Sangamon	1,059
Schuyler	38
Scott	26
Shelby	113
Stark	29
Stephenson	337
Tazewell	891
Union	101
Vermilion	533
Wabash	19
Warren	53
Washington	56
Wayne	65
White	62
Whiteside	351
Will	4,474
Williamson	440
Winnebago	2,388
Woodford	193

Total	81,867